ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

SMYRNA CHURCH, OCT. 4TH-7TH, 1883.

OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER, Moderator. D. ROGERS, Clerk.

JNO. T. DAVIS, Treasurer.

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MINUTES.

The Judson Association met in its Thirty-Third Annual Session, with Smyrna church, Thursday, October 4th, 1883.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. L. Martin, upon Mark 16; 15, 16, "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Services were opened with the song, "I love thy kingdom Lord." The congregation was large and gave good atiention. The sermon was doctrinal and elaborate and will doubtless lead to investigation. Bro. S. J. Knowles closed the services by prayer.

After one-and-a-half hours recess and dinner, the body was called to order by Bro. J. W. Foster, former Moderator. "Come we that love tne Lord," was sung, and Bro. E. M. Knowles led in prayer.

Letters were read by brethren Jno. T. Davis and B. G. Farmer, and the following messengers enrolled.

Abbeville.—A. L. Martin, T. A. Trawick, W. I. Weems, W. W. Nobles, J. W. Foster, I. Mendham.

Adonnam. G. T. Roberts.

Bethel—R. J. Price, J. T. Belcher.

Beulah.—T. H. Troter, J. W. Peacock.

Bethlehem.—J. A. Campbell, D. Lock, J. B. White, M. P. Gilmore.

Bluff Springs.—R. Dixon, D. Anderson.

Columbia.—M. Cody, F. M. Walker, Jno. T. Davis, A. P. Ashurst.

Concord.—F. M. Kirkland, A. J. Kirkland.

Camp Springs.—B. J. Walker.

Christian Grove.—R. B. Lee.

Center—S. J. Knowles, J. W. Rice.
Ebenezar M. Busy, W. R. King.
Fellowship.—C. I. Hutto.
Gordon. - Not represented.
Hebron.—E. M. Knowles, A. J. Armstrong.
Harmony.—Not represented.
Judson. - Not represented,
Liberty. Not represented.
Mt. Pleasant. - B. J. W. Malone,
Mt. Pleasant. - D W. F. Robeson, W. W. Pitts.
Mt. Ariel. - Letter.
New Hope.—Not represented.
Oakey Grove.—J. H. Willis.
Pilgrim's Rest. - Thomas S. Stapleton, Dan'l Williams.
Pleasant Hill.—N. L. Sellers, E. V. Burkett.
Pleasant Plains.—Sidney Kirkland, W. H. Granberry, Levi Kirkland.
Pleasant Grove. - Armstead Armstrong, M. V. Capps, Edmund Roach, John H. Spivey, John E. Ward.
Shorterville. - D. Rogers, B. G. Farmer, J. W. Herendon.
myrna. - A. Daughty, J. F. Holman, S. W. Lock.
Sardis.—F. M. Elmore.
Selma.—R. E. Jordan, Sylvester Martin.
Talbot - S. Taylor, Thos. Mathis. J. Hodgis.
Walnut Grove. - Not represented.

J. W. Foster was elected Moderator, D Rogers, Clerk.

1st. Called for Petitionary Letters, when a letter from Lawrenceville church was read, and on motion the church was received into this Association, the Moderator extending the hand of welcome to her messenger, Wm L. McGee.

2d Invited visiting ministers to seats with us.

3d Called for correspondents, and received from the Newton Association, Rev. Ransom Deal.

4th. Appointed correspondents to the West Florida Association: Brethren D Lock, Sylvester Martin, H. S Lisenby, Jno. T Davis, and Rev. J C. Skipper.

To the Eufaula Association, R. B. Lee and D. Rogers.

To the Newton Association, D. Rodgers and A. L Martin.

5th. Committees appointed:

On Preaching.—Messengers of Smyrna church, and brethren, W. L. McGee, J. W. Weams, and G. T Roberts

On Nominations.—T. S. Stapleton, Edmon Roach, and W. H. Granberry.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—Jno. T. Davis, A. L. Martin, and B. G. Farmer

On Publication.—J. W. Malone, Michael Cody, and J. W. Herendon.

On Documents.—D. Williams, A. Daughty, and J. W. Peacock.

Finance.—B. J. Waller, M. V. Capps, and D. Lock.

6th. On motion of B. G. Farmer, the hours of meeting and adjourning were set as follows: Meet at 8½ a. m., and 2 p. m., adjourn at 12 o'clock, and 5 p. m., and spend half hour each morning in devotional exercises.

7th. Brethren Jno. T. Davis, F. M. Walker, and B. G. Farmer, were appointed a special committee to nominate brethren for Executive Committee.

8th. Brother Jno. T. Davis, was elected Treasurer.

9th. Appointed delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention as follows:—J. W. Foster, D. Rogers, A. L. Martin, E. M. Knowles, B. G. Farmer, J. H. Spivey, Jno. T. Davis, M. V. Capps.

10th. The Committee on Preaching reported, Rev. E. M. Knowles, to preach Friday, at 11 o'clock, followed by Rev. R. B. Lee.

Friday, at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Malone, followed by Rev. J. C. Skipper.

Friday night, Rev. S. J. Knowles, followed by Rev. J. W. Herendon.

11th. On motion of Jno. T. Davis, the hour of 2 o'clock Friday, was set for meeting of the Sabbath School Convention.

12th On motion of D. Rogers, B G Farmer was appointed Assistant Clerk

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. C. Skipper.

Smyrna, 8:30 a. m., October 5, 1883.

Met according to adjournment and spent one-half hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Jno T Davis.

9 o'clock brother J. W. Foster in the chair.

1st. Read and adopted minutes.

2d Called for report of Executive Committee, which was read by brother Jno. T. Davis, and on motion of brother E. M. Knowles, the report of D. Rogers, missionary, was read and appended to Executive Report, which was then adopted as follows.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By reference to the minutes of last Association, you will find that the work of employing an evangelist, or missionary, was as usual, placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. The committee held no regular meeting in regard to the labor thus imposed upon them. But a member of the committee, in a communication addressed to the chairman, submitted a proposition to employ brother D. Rogers, or rather to continue him in the same field for another year, at a salary of $30.00 a month, beginning with the first of December, 1882. This was in turn summitted by the chairman in writing, to each member of the Executive Board, and there being no dissention, brother Rogers whs employed on the above basis.

In view of our poorly remunerative system of evangelical work, there is, no doubt much good being accomplished from year to year, where the labor is performed. We ask that brother Rogers' report as evangelist be received and adopted as a part of this report.

We reccommend the Association take some steps to combine the work of evangelist and colporteur, so that the bible and colportage work, shall become an important factor in the labors to evangelize the territory within our bounds. Brother Rogers has been paid $158.00. There is still $142.00 due him, which we recommend be paid.

Respectfully submitted, JNO. T. DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF D. ROGERS, MISSIONARY JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Thankful to God for allowing me, to some extent, to serve His cause, I give below a summary of my year's work:

Sermon's preached, 105; Addresses delivered, 85; Sabbath Schools organized, 3; Sabbath Schools lectured, 11; Prayer meetings organized, 2; Prayer meetings conducted, 6; Religious visits, 162; Letters written upon religious matter, 46; Baptised, 11; Baptised by others, 8; Restored, 5; Miles traveled, 1600; Pages of Tracts given, 3272; Bibles donated, 6; Testaments donated, 34; No. books sold, 240; Value of books sold, $166.69; Collected for Alabama Baptist, $12.25; For Foreign Journal, $2.00; Foreign mission, $1.00; Home missions $1.00; Sabbath School Literature, $20.00.

I have visited and preached for fifteen of our chrches and would have gladly visited all if I could have done so, without neglecting places of destitution.

All of our churches, I believe, now have pastors except Gordon, and the members there take so little interest, I have only preached for them a few times.

I have made it a point to visit, and preach for the poor, the sick, snd the afflicted, as often as I could, giving bibles, testaments and religious tracts. Devoting most of my time in this way, I have had but few regular appointments at any particular place. I have, however, had good congregations, and sometimes on very short notice.

For several months I have kept up regular appointments at the Harris school house, and in August held a five days meeting which was largely attented, and I hope much good was accomplished. From the Barbour line, bordering on the Chattahoochee river as far down as Smith's ferry, there is as much destitution as one missionary could well supply. And I am of the opinion that it would be advisable to divide the work, and employ two men for whatever time the funds for this work will allow. The good done in the colporteur work deserves more notice than space and time will allow. It gives the missionary a better opportunity to visit the homes in his bounds, and the examination of various works furnishes material for religious council. By this means we can open a book on prayer read a few passages, and then impress the duty, privilege and importance of prayer. So upon repentance, faith, baptism, missions, etc. I have noticed the good influence of books in the marked change of various individuals to whom I have sold. Of the 11 I baptised, 9 were from families to whom I had sold or given books. Of the remaining 2, one was a youth I had met on the road, and with whom I spent sometime in religious talk. A large testament was given to a brother who had wandered far off in sin, soon I learned that he was diligently reading the blessed book to his children and holding family prayer.

If the members of this Association knew the value of a permanent "Book Fund," they would donate $100 for that object.

With grateful remembrance of the continued kindness and welcome I have met, and thanks to pastors—brothers Martin, Ashurst, Malone, Skipper, Knowles, Williford and Kirkland, for their kind cooperation and encouragement, I submit this report of my imperfect work.

D. ROGERS, Missionary.

4th. Brethren Jno. T. Davis and F. M. Walker, were appointed to report on Bible and Colporteur Work.

5th. Brother Davis read the report on the above work, and pending its adoption, brothers Davis and Malone made

speeches which must have melted every christian heart that heard them, and had not a motion been made too soon to defer action, a permanent "Colportage or Book Fund" of $100 or $150 could have been secured in a few minutes. The report was adopted and further action deferred until next session of this body:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK.

Your committee has for several years realized and felt the necessity of a systematized and thoroughly organized colportage work within the limits of our Association. We are forcibly impressed with the conviction, that more good, permanent good, could be accomplished by a suitable and well equipped Colporteur, whose duty it would be to travel, distribute bibles and religious literature under the direction and instructions of either the Executive Committee, or the Committee on State Missions, than in any other way which we can either think of or suggest. The Association can no doubt procure the right sort of a brother, one who combines all the elements and attainments necessary to a full and complete prosecution of this highly important work. And we recommend, (should the Association adopt our suggestion,) the Colporteur's salary, in addition to his commission on the sale of books, be supplemented by a reasonable monthly stipend. Because the brother, who might become the choice of this body, would no doubt embrace all the qualifications of both Evangelist or Missionary and Colporture, and thereby obviate the necessity and expense of dividing the work.

Respectfully submitted, JNO. T. DVIS, Chairman.

6th. Renewed the call for correspondence, when brother T. F. Braswell, from the est Florida was announced.

7th. The Circular Letter was read by brother Davis, and adopted as follows:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

COLUMBIA, ALA., October 3, 1883.

TO THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO CONVENE AT SMYRNA CHURCH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1883.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I have been thinking of a subject, the matter of which would be of importance to consider in our Association. Nothing strikes me so forcibly as being of paramount importance, as the education and advancement of our ministry.

The qualifications requisite to this (most of all) important task should have the careful consideration of our entire Association, and should be sought after with that zeal, which rises above self aggrandizement, and develops the true spirit of advancement in christianity.

First of all, a profound knowledge of God's word and our established faith, and the means of imparting it is vitally essential, a knowledge of the law without the means and ability to direct its force, often renders us weak where we should be strong. We have abundant material, and to many, this thought might be applicable for the good of the great cause for which we are battling. The Sunday School system, together with the improved advantages of studying the scriptures, are fast bringing our laymen and children up to such a knowledge of the divine law, that demands a higher order of thought and a more practical knowledge of how to demonstrate the great truths that rise higher and higher and more glorious in their height.

The church with its ministry must stand abreast with the great and glorious work of the Sunday School. That which to-day is fitting the minds of the young and the old to a conception of the truth and adding strength to our church. A knowledge to the world must be acquired before that faith can be attained, which brings man to repentance. By faith and repentance are we saved. How important then is it to be possessed with such power, and the capacity of imparting it to produce that faith which leads to repentence. The higher the scale of knowl-

edge the greater will be the social and moral element predominate over the vices and superfluities of life.

The civil and moral element must predominate in every quarter of our earthly tabernacle, to render to the christian a free sway to his moral instincts, and the otherwise full enjoyment of religious liberty.

Let this be impressed upon our teachers, and let some of the younger who are susceptible of improvement, be placed in the Baptist Siminaries of our country at the cost of the Association. At least one could be educated every two years, and would redown to the glory of God and the advancement of the Baptist cause.

Respectfully,

F. M. WALKER.

8th. The report on State Missions was read by brother B. G. Farmer, and on motion of J. W. Malone, ten o'clock Saturday was set for hearing and acting upon the several reports on missions.

9th. Brother E. M. Knowles read the report on Temperance, and pending its adoption, the discussion was opened by brother B. G. Farmer, with an able and eloquent address, which was followed with practical and pointed speeches by brethren E. M. Knowles, Jno. T. Davis, and on motion of brother Malone, the report was amended by adding the following: *Resolved*, That the messengers present be requested to call the members of their churches together and present the cause of Temperance to them, asking all to unite in praying God to bless and direct us in the great and important cause of temperance. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance have nothing of interest to report. Since prohibition has past away, some of our brethren have too frequently visited the grog shops and groceries, and by these acts their lights have become darkness and are under a bushel. As there is nothing to report, we would offer some recommendations:

1st. That every Baptist who is in such a habit, quit visiting grog shops.

2d. That they teach their children the danger of such an evil, and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

3d. And as churches and members of churches, we are commanded to "abstain from all appearance of evil." That we, by our acts, teach the world that we recognize the danger and the awful consequence of drunkeness.

E. M. KNOWLS, Chairman.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung, and benediction by bro. Skipper. Adjourned for preaching.

10 o'clock, A M. Preaching in the church by Rev. E. M. Knowles, and in the Academy by Rev. A P Ashurst.

After 1½ hours recess and dinner, at 2 o'clock P. M, THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION was called to order by brother Jno. T. Davis. (No minutes of the proceedings furnished.)

FRIDAY, 3:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

1st. Renewed the call for petitionary letters, when a letter from Mt. Ararat was read, and on motion the church

received into this Association, the Moderator extending the hand of welcome to her messenger.

2d Called for the report on PUBLICATIONS, when the committee recommended that the report of last year be adopted as their report, adding to their list of publications recommended *The Florida Baptist*, published at Lake City, Fla. The recommendations were adopted. (See report in last year's minutes.

3d. Committee on preaching reported brother J. W. Malone to preach to-night, brother A. P. Ashurst at 11 o'clock.

4th Called for the Report on Sabbath Schools, and on mention it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It gives us great pleasure to report, that the Sunday School interest is not by any means on the wane in the territory embraced within our Association—but on the contrary we find this grand reservoir, from which flows so much of the supply, that goes to make up the church, of Christ, swelling and rising year after year with the ingathering of children and establishing of new schools. It is true, we have to express some regret, that a number of churches report no Sabbath Schools. These of course are country churches, and we can appreciate how difficult it is to keep up a Sabbath School at such a church—but we would both admonish and encourage our country brethren, to press on and continue their efforts –and not to "weary in well doing," and in the end, a permanent organization will be the result of your labors. We recommend as the best Sabbath Schools helps Kind Words lesson papers published at Macon, Ga. We further recommend that the Association continue to foster the Sunday School Convention, connected with this body, as the best means of accomplishing good, in the direction of this great work. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. DAVIS, Chairman.

5th The Treasurer, Jno T. Davis, read his report, which was adopted as follows;

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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1882.	In account with Judson Baptist Association.			
Sept. 26.	To amount of balance brought down		51 26	
Oct. 1	" Amount received of Finance Committee		209 45	
	" " of Sabbath collection		23 00	$283 61

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Oct. 1,	By balance paid D. Rogers for Mission Work		46 46	
	Amount paid D. Rogers for services as clerk		35 00	
Dec. 16,	By " " for minutes		35 00	
1883. 29,	" " " D. Rogers Missionary Work		30 00	
Feb. 2,	" " " " " "		30 00	
Mch 5	" " " " " "		30 00	
Apl, 5	" " " " " "		30 00	
27	" " " " " "		30 00	
July 13	" " " " " "		5 00	
Sept 3	" " " " " "		3 00	$274 46
	By Amount carried down debit			$9 15
1883	Sept 4. To amount on hand brought down			$9 15

6th. Brother Micheal Cody in the chair. Brother J. W Foster moved that the report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, be taken up immediately after considering the reports on missions. Motion concurred in.

7th. Special committee reported the following names for Executive Committee: Armstead Armstrong, M V. Capps, N. L Hawley, W. L McGee. The name of brother Jno. T. Davis was added, and the report adopted.

8th. The Report on Education was read by brother A. P Ashurt, and pending its adoption, brother J. W. Foster opened the discussion with a clear, able and pointed address, which was followed with a good speech by brother J W. alone. [We hope that the adopting of so good a report will not be all that this Association will do toward the education of young ministers. Never was a duty more binding upon any people than this duty is binding upon us. We should act now – CLERK.]

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education beg leave to report the following: However desirable or beneficial it may be for our young men who are called of God to proclaim the glad-tidings of salvation to a perishing world, to get the benefit of a collegiate course of instruction, or to attend the Theological Seminary, your committee feel, that at this time, to discuss this subject from that stand-point would be impracticable. But still, as soon as our young men begin to develope their aptitude to teach, and to exemplify their deep spiritual powers there arises, of course, certain ideas about what is necessary for a teacher in the church to know in order to fulfill his duty and hints must be thrown out with respect to the proper way in which to attain this knowledge The first inquiry, then must be what is he to be, what is his mission? He is to be an errand-bearer, he is to bear messages from the great head of the church to a lost and ruined world, he must therefore be taught of God. Everything which truly blesses our life comes from above. All that is most needful and dear and sweet in the little world in which we live, all that comes to enrich our minds and hearts from the great world outside us, and from the past behind us—the memory of the good, the struggles of the faithful, the wisdom of the wise all are gifts from God. He is in all, in the rise and beauty of the world, in the love of human hearts, the inspiration of every true word, of every good deed, and of every brave life.

If then the minister is to be an errand-bearer from God to man, he must seek his message from Him through the medium of prayer. Prayer is one of the greatest educational influences that can be brought to bear on the human heart. When we pray for daily bread we ask for the necessaries of life, but this includes many other things than those which are required for physical well-being. The higher part of nature requires its "daily bread." To starve our finer faculties is no more allowable than to starve our bodies. To cultivate the mind, to feed it, is a duty Books, and all the means of intellectual instruction, are among the necessaries of life: they are necessary to our mental health and growth, and to the full developement of our nature

But we have wants deeper still, and which cannot be satisfied by the hardest work, the largest knowledge, or the dearest love. For something more we cry. We have a nature that touches God, and which keeps us unquiet till it finds its satisfaction in Him. We have an inward spiritual life which can only be fed in common with the Divine We need God He is the bread of our life. Only as we are filled with His fullness do we hunger no more." Jesus said "my meat and my drink is to do my Father's will and finish His work" Further still to know what education the minister needs to fit him for his work it is well to consider. The design of preaching.

The most important designations in the New Testament for preaching determines its character as the joyous proclamation of salvation through Christ. In the phrase "to preach the gospel." To "teach" Mat. xi : 1, etc., the reference is to its lucid explanation. All these elements are combined in the phrase (Martos) "to bear witness" Acts 1 : 8, where the emphasis is upon the vouching for the truth on the ground of personal experience. The object of preaching then, is to direct the world to the way of eternal life, to call the unconverted to repentance, and to confirm believers in their faith. To secure this result, the most essential thing is the energising power of the word of God itself. The next factor is the power of a personal witness filled with the Holy Spirit. The minister then to be properly fitted for his work is not to be bound to the tyranny of artificial refinements, but to learn of God by the study of his word, by the teachings of his spirit, by the experience of a Godly life, and by prayerful communion with him from day to day. And this kind of ministerial education is in the reach of all, both young and old, who are to witness for the truth. A minister of Jesus Christ must be educated in heart if he would be truly eloquent. He must be seen to be sincere. He must have the accent of conviction. He must be earnest. He must know the hearts of other men by the acquaintance of his own. He must preach to them, not because the Sabbath comes round, and he must say something to them, but because he has something which he must say to them at that particular time.

Now your committee would recommend the churches of this Association, if you would have your ministers educated after the manner suggested, you must take upon yourselves the burdens of a temporal character and so supply the means to buy their daily bread that they may feed you upon that bread that cometh down from Heaven. And may the spirit of God enable you to feel this necessity more and more.

A. P. ASHURST, Chairman.
J. W MALONE,
A. DAUGHETY,

9th. The report on Documents was read, as follows :

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We your committee find nothing in the letters from the churches to report. But we have a petition from the delegates of Shorterville church for the next session of your body, which we recommend.

A. DAUGHETY,
J. W. PEACOCK,
D WILLIAMS, Chairman

10th. Appointed the next session of this body to meet with the Shorterville church, on Thursday, before the first Sunday in October, 1884.

11th. On motion adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

SMYRNA, Saturday, October 6th, 1883.

8:30 o'clock, devotional exercises conducted by brother R. Deal

9 o'clock, J. W. Foster in the chair. Prayer by brother J. W Malone

1st On motion omitted the reading of minutes.

2d. Adopted the following :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We the committee, nominate Brother J. W. Malone to preach the introductory sermon, and Brother Samuel J. Knowles, alternate.

T. S STAPLETON, Chairman.

3d. Bro. Jno. T. Davis moved and it was concurred in that the moderator appoint the Standing Committees.

4th. Bro. B. G. Farmer was appointed to write the Circular Letter.

5th. D. Rogers was appointed to write on missions.

6th. The report on Finances was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee submit the following report:

Received for minutes	$35 70
Associational purposes	21 65
State missions—Pledges redeemed	134 00
Home missions	4 00
Foreign missions	1 00
Saturday's collection	15 65
Total	$212 00

B. J. WALLER,
M. V. CAPPS,
D. LOCKE, COMMITTEE.

7th. RESOLUTION OF THANKS adopted as follows: Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered the brethren and friends of the Smyrna community for the hospitality extended the Association at this session.

8th. Moved by bro. B. G. Farmer that the Clerk be paid $30.00 for his services. Motion concurred in.

9th. Bro. Farmer moved that all the reports on missions be taken up together. Motion adopted.

10th. The report on Home Missions was read by bro. I. Mendham, and pending its adoption, bro. E. M. Knowles addressed the body.

11th. Bro. W. A. McLendon read the report on Foreign Missions, and bro. B. G. Farmer read the report on State Missions, and pending the adoption of these reports, brethren Jno. T. Davis, E. M. Knowles, J. W. Herendon and J. W. Malone, addressed the body. The reports were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: From the reports of the last State Convention we rejoice to see that the cause of missions, which is the cause of Christ, is being pushed forward with that earnestness, and faithfulness that becomes us as his people, for which we should feel grateful to the great head of his church; but brethren we would recommend that we labor to do more in our own mission in the bounds of this Association, that the many local destitutions may be supplied with the Gospel of Christ, that the false doctrines and herein may be met with the truth of God, and driven back; and we would suggest that our present evangelist, Brother D. Rogers be continued, and his pay increased. For when we take into consideration, the great work that he is doing, both in his visiting and his public ministry, from place to

place under his afflictions, we can but feel that it is the duty of this association to see that he be well paid for his valuable services Respectfully submitted.

I. MENDHIM,
R. C. GRUBBERRY,
C. L. LOONEY, Committee

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We can but express gratitude to our God, when we think of the results of the State Mission work. In the beginning of the year a great work was spread out before us opportunities fresh and awaiting was open to us. Work in village, in town on the mountain and in the valley, claims our attention and the State Mission movements have been effective in accomplishing much for the Masters cause. Large numbers in the destitute portions of our State have been provided with the gospel, and this truth has prevailed. But yet, there is work to be done and the fear of God, we should lend an active co-operation and work strong efforts to advance the kingdom of our Lord. Let us go forward with massive energy, and strong support for the State Mission work and grand and glorious achievements will be accomplished for his glory.

B. G FARMER, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following that by examining the report on Foreign Missions of the Baptist State Convention the report comes to us with cheering news. They report seven new missionaries sent to Foreign fields, and after paying all expenses there remained in the treasury the sum of six thousand dollars. We find that the total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board, ending May 9th 1883, were fifty-six thousand eight hundred and four dollars and fifty six cents ($56,804.56, being an increase over the amount received last year of more than seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500). From these facts brethren we see a great revival in the interest of Foreign Missions It shows that Missionary Baptists somewhere have been moved upon to a sense of duty to send the gospel of Christ to the heathen. The command of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the deciples "to go preach the gospel to every creature" has never been revoked, and if indeed, and in truth we are his people, that command rests upon us to-day, but we fear too lightly. Brethren new fields are constantly opening up which must be sustained and appeals are made to us to aid in this work God tells us that "he loves a cheerful giver." He tells us to "Honor him with our substance and with the first fruits of all our increase" and we your committee, feeling the importance of this great work of ours would urge upon you to give the subject more thought, and aid cheerfully (as we are able) to support the missionaries who have been called and obeyed the command of our risen Lord to and preach the gospel.

W. A. McCLENDON,
EDMON ROACH,
J. H. SPIVEY, Committee.

12th. On motion of bro. Jno. T. Davis, pledges for State Missions was taken as follows:

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Abbeville	$10,00 Dan. Williams	1,00
Bethlehem	10,00 R. A. Cox	1,00
Bluff Springs	2,00 A. F. tanton	1,00
Columbia	30,00 Mrs. Anthoney	1,00
Camp Springs	3,00 A. L. Martin, paid	5,00
Concord	2,00 J. W. Foster	10,00
Christian Grove	2,00 W. W. Nobles	5,00
Center	2,00 E. M. Knowles	5,00
Ebenezer	2,00 B. G. Farmer	5,00
Fellowship	5,00 F. A. Walker	5,00

Hebron	5,00	D. Rogers	1,00
Liberty by L. H Parish	1,00	D. W. Rogers	50
Mt. Pleasant Dale	4,00	rs H A Rogers	50
New Hope by J. W. Herendon	2,00	Clara Rogers	50
Oaky Grove	2,00	Willie Rogers	50
Pleasant Plains	2,00	Lizzie R. Chisolem, (Texas)	50
Pilgrims Rest	5,00	Mollie R. Jordan	50
Sardis	3,00	J. W Herndon	50
Smyrna paid $1,00	11,00	Mrs J T Davis	1,00
Shorterville	20,00	Miss Cody	1,00
Selma	4,00	Mrs Dawsey	1,00
Pleasant Grove	25,00	Mrs P. A Askew	50
Pleasant Hill	6,00	Mrs Michal Cody	50
Mt. Arrat by E. M. Knowles	1,00	Miss Caroline Roberson	50
D W. Knowles	2,00	Edmon Roach	1,00
J. Mendham	2,00	Miss Annie Walker	1,00
P. H. Asknew	2,00	Miss Lula Walker	1,00
S. Kirkland	1,00	Miss Judie Walker	1,00
Henry Lisemby	1,00	Miss Florence Prince	50
W. A. Granberry	1,00		

13th. Bro. Davis called the attention of the brethren to the fact that bro. Campbell who had recently lost his house by fire, had pledged for State Missions, $11.40 was collected and on motion of bro. Davis, was tendered bro. Campbell by D. Rogers. The Lord does repay

14th. Bro. E. M. Knowles mentioned the case of Sister Best and $7.20 was raised for her.

15th. The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read by bro. B. G Farmer, and pending its adoption bro. Jno. T. Davis and J. W. Foster addressed the large assembly in language which none could use but those whose hearts were warm and tender with vivid recollections of past social joys, and sorrows, and bereavments that heaven only can restore All hearts were filled with sorrow. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Your committee on deceased ministers and deacons have a sad duty to perform. It has pleased God to call from our ranks, since the last meeting of the association two of our ministers and one of our deacons

Bro. Dempsey Whiddon was called to his reward on the 25th day of December last, and in his death we have lost a brother whose life was full of good works He was known to us all for his deep piety, and the many years of his life in this country as a minister, the cause of christianity, ever working, ever paying, ever striving to live in the ways of holiness, furnishes another bright vindication of the truth and power of genuine christian religion. After a long life of earnest work he has received a final discharge from the cares and burdens of this life, and now lives, as we believe under the smile of God, there to dwell forever in peace and happiness Let us so live that our last days may be like his

Brother L. R. ims has closed his pilgrimage upon the earth. On the 20th day of June the thread of his life was broken and his spirit, released and disembodied took its flight to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." How can we do justice to his memory? How can we properly describe our sadness over his loss? We all knew him. We all loved him. Who of us has not been filled with greater love and admiration as we beheld his manly form and heard his clarion voice, as a great warior in the army of God, proclaiming the unsearcheable riches of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for

over thirty years, with a zeal which never failed and a love strong and pure, he moved among the people as an upright minister—a man of God—pointing sinners to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." The effect of such devotion, such love and such service can never be defaced. All the waters of the ocean cannot wash it away.

"Though dead he yet liveth." He lives in the hearts and affections of his brethren everywhere. He lives in the memory of all who knew him, yea, he lives with God in Heaven.

Our beloved Brother, John Walters, of Bluff Spring Church, where he was a deacon, has likewise passed away. He died on the 22d day of August, and when he breathed his last it was the close of the earthly career of a most useful and pious man—a man of God, loved and respected by us all. His life was full of good works, and his place will be hard to fill. His familiar face, the strong clasp of his hand, the word of cheer and the work of love which we have been accustomed to see and feel at these meetings will be realized by us no more upon this earth. He has gone from us and the places which once knew him will know him no more forever. We sadly miss him, but our loss is his gain.

Brethren let us cherish the memory of our deceased Brothers, and with the help of God try to meet them in that better world where reigns an eternal Sabbath of peace and love and where parting will be no more.

16th. Moved and approved that the Moderator appoint brethren to open the discussions at the next session.

17th. Moved and carried that the employing of missionaries for this Association be entrusted to the Executive Committee.

18th. B. G Farmer offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved, that the thanks of this body are due, and hereby tendered the brethren, Moderator and Clerk for the efficient discharge of the duties of their offices.

19th. On motion the minutes were entrusted to the Clerk without reading. The business of the body being finished, adjourned for preaching

11 o'clock A. M. Preaching in the church by bro. A. P. Ashurst, followed by bro. R. Deal, and in the Academy by bro. S. Williford, and bro. E. M. Knowles. Collection taken $15,65.

The session was pleasant and harmonious, and much work was done which we hope will result in great good. We recommend all our members to read with prayer all the reports in these minutes.

J. W. FOSTER, Moderator.

D. ROGERS, Clerk.

Individual Pledges Redeemed.

J W Foster	$ 5,00	Mrs H A Rogers	$1,00
Jno T Davis	10,00	Clara Rogers	,50
E M Knowles	5,00	Willie Rogers	,50
D Rogers	1,00		

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	For Minutes	sociational Purposes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	abbath of Meeting.
Abbeville				1		1	68	2 00		19 00			Sabbath
Adaniram	3		1	1	1	1	65	1 00					3 "
Bethel						1	80	1 50			2 00		4 "
Beulah	13	2	2	7	3		100	1 50	5 10				3 "
Bethlehem	6	11	3	3	3	1	128	2 00		5 00			1 "
Bluff Springs	12	6	1		3	1	55	1 00	1 00	1 00			2 "
Columbia		7		4	1	2	112	2 00	2 00	10 00			
Camp Springs	5			4	2	1	42	1 00		3 00			4 "
Concord	8	2	2	3	3	2	64	1 00		4 00			3 "
Christian Grove	9		2				46	1 20	50		85		
Center	12	10		2			45	1 00					2 "
Ebenezar	2			1	1	1	34	1 00		2 00			3 "
Fellowship	3	5		4	3	4	80	1 50		5 00			2 "
Gordon						1	13						
Hebron	1		1	3			50	1 50		10 00			3 "
Harmony							46						2 "
Judson							55						1 and 2 "
Liberty							73	75					4 "
Lawrenceville	11	6					36	1 50		10 00			1 "
Mt. Pleasant, D	5	2		3		2	51	1 50		2 00			4 "
Mt. Pleasant, B							49						4 "
Mt. Ariel							16	1 00					2 "
Mt. Ararat							11						1 "
New Hope							62	1 00					3 "
Oaky Grove	1		4	4	1		40	1 00					1 "
Pleasant Grove	3	2	2	5	2		120	2 00		20 00			3 "
Pleasant Plains	11	3		2	1		103	1 50		2 00			2 "
Pleasant Hill	3	4	2		2		27	75	1 00				1 "
Pilgrims Rest	5	7	2	7	2	1	42	1 50	1 10	5 00			3 "
Sardis		3	1	1			24	1 00	1 00				2 "
Smyrna	7	4			5	2	93	1 50			25		4 "
Shorterville	11	2	1	2	1	2	144	2 00		20 00	1 00	1 00	1 "
Selma	3	5					53	1 00	1 25	2 00			1 "
Talbot				1	7	2	69	1 00		2 00			3 "
Walnut Grove							27						

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.
Abbeville	A L Martin, Abbev'le	J W Foster, Abbeville
Adaniram	J W Malone, Hilliard'l	J S Barnett, Hardw'ks
Bethel	J W Malone, Hilliard'l	L Wise, Olston
Bulah	R Deal, Echo	G W Harris, Headland
Bethlehem	J C Skipper, Headland	B W Herring, Headl'd
Bluff Springs	J J White, Garrard	E E Meadows, Gordon
Columbia	A P Ashurst, Col'mbia	W Williams, Col'bia
Camp Springs	E M Knowles, Col'bia	E A Godfrey, Col'bia
Concord	M Brackin, Brackin	F M Kirkland, Brackin
Christian Gr've	R B Lee, Eufaula	G B James, Eufaula
Center	E M Knowles, Col'bia	Jas Wiles, Brackin
Ebenezar	W M Bruner, Col'bia.	W C King, Columbia
Fellowship	R Deal, Echo	H Wiggins, Abbeville
Hebron	E M Knowles, Col'bia	C N Granberry, Col'bia
Harmony	B J Skipper, Taylor	W D Phillips, Lynn
Judson	No Pastor	D H Thomas, Hilliard'l
Liberty	S Williford, Dothan	W D Snell, Gordon.
Mt. Pleasant, D	J C Skipper, Headland	T R Atwell, Headland
Mt. Pleasant, B	J W Malone, Hilliard'l	F M Blackwell, Kings
Lawrenceville	A L Martin, Abbeville	N L Hawley, Lawren'l
Mt. Ariel	R B Lee, Eufaula	C Nolan, Eufaula
Mt. Ararat	Not Elected	Not Elected
New Hope	J W Malone, Hilliard'l	A Starlin, Shorterville
Oaky Grove	J W Herendon, Short'l	E D Whiddon, Abbev'l
Pleasant Grove	A L Martin, Abbeville	
Pleasant Hill	S Williford, Dothan	N L Sellers, Gordon
Pleasant Plains	R C Kirkland, Col'bia	A F Stanton, Columbia
Pilgrim's Rest	R D Burrows, Green'd	T S Stapleton, Gordon
Sardis	J W Herendon, Short'l	F M Elmore, Abbev'le
Smyrna	R Deal, Echo	W F Jordan, Cowert's
Shorterville	A L Martin, Abbeville	B G Farmer, Short'vle
Selma	J J White, Garrard	J H Lisemby, Dothan
Talbot	S J Knowles, Headla'd	H L Odom, Abbeville
Walnut Grove	No pastor	J T Norris, Smithville

Ordained Ministers.

A. L. Martin,	Abbeville.	S. J. Knowles,	Headland.
B. Herendon,	Shorterville.	M. Bracken,	Bracken.
Aris Armstrong,	Newton.	Wm. Bruner,	Columbia.
D. Rogers,	Shorterville.	J. W. Malone,	Hilliardsville.
J. C. Skipper,	Headland.	E. M. Knowles,	Columbia.
R. C. Kirkland,	Columbia.	A. P. Ashurst,	Columbia.
R. B. Lee,	Eufaula.	J. W. Herendon,	Shorterville.

Licentiates.

J. A. Campbell,	Headland.	E. D. Burdeshaw,	
J. W. Knowles,	Brackin.	E. Z. Hatton,	Gordon.
Sam'l Spivey,	Headland.	F. Jordon,	Gordon.
Wm. Whitaker,	Gordon.	A. Daughety,	Columbia.
James Lee,	Gordon.	M. E. Smith,	Kings.

Executive Committee.

Jno. T. Davis,	Columbia.	A. Armstrong,	Abbeville.
M. V. Capps,	Abbeville.	N. L. Hawley,	Lawrenceville.
W. L. McGee,	Lawrenceville.		

Standing Committees.

Foreign Missions.—M. Cody, F. M. Walker, W. P. McGriff. Jno. T. Davis, to open discussion.

Home Missions.—Edmon Roach, S. Kirkland, W. I. Weems. A. L. Martin, to open discussion.

State Missions.—M. V. Capps, W. A. McLendon, J. H. Spivey. E. M. Knowles, to open discussion.

Temperance.—S. J. Knowles, J. A. Campbell, Dan'l Williams. J. W. Malone, to open discussion.

Education.—Joseph Espy, T. S. Stapleton, W. L. McGee. B. G. Farmer, to open discussion.

Sabbath Schools.—Jno. T. Davis, J. L. Williams, J. L. Fowler. A. Daughety, to open discussion.

Bible and Colportage Work.—A. McAllister, J. W. Herendon, S. Bowdon. Jno. T. Davis, Jr., to open discussion.

Church Building Fund.—A. Stanton, L. Kirkland, S. M. Singletary. J. W. Foster, to open discussion.